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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KIYOSHI TANIGUCHI ET AL : EXAMINER: WRIGHT, S.
SERIAL NO: 09/868,894 :
FILED: JULY 5, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1626
FOR: THIOPYRAN COMPOUNDS AS :
INHIBITORS OF MMP

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 16-17 without prejudice. Please amend Claims 13-15, to read as follows:

13. (Amended) A method for treating, reducing, arresting, or alleviating matrix metalloproteinases (MMP) or tumor necrosis factor α (TNF α)-mediated disease, the method comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.